

Proposal Title	Ukraine Tax Reform Project
Applicant	International Renaissance Foundation
Reserve Fund	President's & Chairman's Reserve
Amount Requested	\$100, 000.00
Background (Optional)	In August, the Cabinet of Ministers published a concept paper on tax reform in Ukraine developed by the Ministry of Finance. A draft law encompassing the concept of the tax reform is now under public discussion. The principles of the draft law correspond to the requirements of IMF. At the same time the Parliament Committee on Customs and Tax Police registered an alternative draft law that does not comply with the requirements of IMF and could jeopardise the stability in the country. Both documents are widely criticized and debated at the Parliament and by the experts.
Risks (Optional)	The risks to this project are related to the level of political consolidation within the Parliament to arrange a settlement regarding the tax reform.
Unforeseen Need (250 words)	Currently in Ukrainian Parliament and expert community cannot come to the settlement regarding the concept of the future tax reform. The model of the tax reform determines the State Budget of Ukraine for 2016 fiscal year. At the initiative of Georges Soros IRF contracted the Messina Group to provide high-level consulting and develop necessary recommendations and communication strategy for the tax reform.
Activities Proposed (500 words)	IRF contracted the Messina Group to provide consulting services to the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine regarding the following: political validation strategy for tax reform in Ukraine, including preparation of relevant materials, completion of public opinion research, and ongoing consultation on public statements.
Summary for Board Reports (100 words)	The project will support development of political validation strategy for tax reform in Ukraine by the Messina Group
Collaborating Programs within OSF and essential partners or grantees	The project partners will include the Messina Group and the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine
Contributions expected from	None

Collaborating Programs (250 words)	
Statement of who within OSF would guide the work	Yevhen Bystrytsky, IRF Executive Director Oleksandr Sushko, Chairman of the IRF Board Hryhoriy Baran, Secretary of the IRF Board

Allocator <i>(See list on Reserve Funds KARL)</i>	Name	Leonard Benardo, Regional Director, Eurasia
	Date Approved	
Allocator Notes / Comments <i>(To be completed by allocator only)</i>	<i>(Notes/Comments - Optional field)</i>	
	<i>(Criteria checklist)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Is this an <u>unforeseen</u> opportunity or a genuinely new idea to advance core open society commitments? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the need time-sensitive? <input type="checkbox"/> Are we proposing to do something that others are not doing? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the plan compelling? <input type="checkbox"/> Does the planned activity take good advantage of OSF capacity? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the team leading the work up to the task?	
Urgency level for grant approval & payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Rapid Response	<input type="checkbox"/> Rapid Response <i>(See procedure on KARL)</i>
If approved, where to allocate the budget? <i>(If the budget is split between multiple programs, please copy/paste this section as needed.)</i>	Amount	\$ 100,000.00
	Category of Work	CUA004
	Division/Program Code	80000
	Entity <i>(i.e., FPOS, ZUG)</i>	ZUG
	Fund Class <i>(i.e., Lobbying/Non-Lobbying)</i>	Lobbying
	Geography <i>(of benefit)</i>	UKRF